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SUBJECT: FRENCH RESPONSE TO REPLACEMENT OF RWANDA ON
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2. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. SEE PARAGRAPH 8.
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3. SUMMARY: THE GOF AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE FOR RWANDA TO ASSUME THE UNSC PRESIDENCY IN SEPTEMBER BUT HAS SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT TRYING TO TRYING TO CHALLENGE RWANDA'S REPRESENTATION IN CREDENTIALS' COMMITTEES. FROM BOTH A POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL POINT OF VIEW, THE FRENCH PREFER THAT A NEW RWANDAN GOVERNMENT BE FORMED AND THAT IT PRESENT ITS CREDENTIALS TO THE UN BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1. END SUMMARY.

4. POLOFF SPOKE TO QUAI IO DAS RIVASSEAU JULY 11

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CONCERNING RWANDA'S UN REPRESENTATION (REFTEL).
POLMINCOUNS RAISED THE SAME SUBJECT JULY 11 IN A
MEETING ATTENDED BY RIVASSEAU, FOREIGN MINISTER JUPPE'S
CABINET ADVISOR FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA BERNARD
EMIE AND QUAI CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA DAS BOIVINEAU.
IN RESPONSE TO POINTS PRESENTED REFTTEL, THESE OFFICIALS
AGREED FULLY THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN RWANDA RAISE SERIOUS
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUITABILITY OF THE CURRENT RWANDAN
UN DELEGATION AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTRY.
HOWEVER, THE GOF CONSIDERS THAT THERE ARE POLITICAL AND
JUDICIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM THAT MUST BE
ADDRESSED. RIVASSEAU WAS EMPHATIC THAT THE GOF DOES
NOT WISH TO RESOLVE A UNIQUE SITUATION BY ADOPTING A
SOLUTION THAT WILL SERVE AS AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT IN
OTHER, LESS EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. QUAI LEGAL EXPERTS, THEY SAID, HAVE POINTED OUT
THAT A CHALLENGE TO THE CREDENTIALS OF A GOVERNMENT'S
REPRESENTATIVE OR THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF CAN ONLY BE
MADE WHEN THERE IS A CHOICE BETWEEN TWO COMPETING

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CLAIMANTS. RIVASSEAU CITED THE EXAMPLE OF CYPRUS AND
THE DECISION THE UN MADE IN THAT CASE TO RECOGNIZE
NICOSIA AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT. AT THIS TIME,
RIVASSEAU SAID, THE EVOLVING RPF GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN A
POSITION TO PRESENT ITS CREDENTIALS TO THE UN WITH A
CLAIM AS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RWANDAN
PEOPLE. THIS COULD WELL CHANGE -- AND THE GOF HOPED IT
WOULD -- BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1. IF THE RPF IS ABLE TO
FORM A BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT, ONE WHICH INCLUDED
RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RWANDAN "MAJORITY,"
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE UN TO ACT QUICKLY TO
APPROVE ITS CREDENTIALS AS THE LEGITIMATE
REPRESENTATIVE OF RWANDA.

6. RIVASSEAU COUNSELLED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO
GIVE A PREMATURE SIGNAL BEFORE KNOWING WHAT THE
COMPOSITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY IS. IN THE
HOPES OF EASING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, THE GOF WOULD
LIKE TO SEE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION WITHIN
THE NEW GOVERNMENT, EXCLUDING, OF COURSE, THE
PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE. THE QUAI OFFICIALS POINTED
OUT THAT THE CREDENTIALS ISSUE PROVIDED LEVERAGE OVER
THE RPF AND AN INCITEMENT TO ACT QUICKLY AND
RESPONSIBLY IN FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT.

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7. IF THIS APPROACH DOES NOT WORK, THE QUAI IS
PREPARED TO CONSIDER WAYS OF "PERSUADING" THE CURRENT
RWANDAN UN REPRESENTATION TO "STEP ASIDE" ON SEPTEMBER
1 IN FAVOR OF THE NEXT-SLATED SC PRESIDENCY. RIVASSEAU
SAID THERE WERE PRECEDENTS FOR SUCH A MOVE. QUAI
OFFICIALS DID NOT OFFER SPECIFIC IDEAS, HOWEVER, ON HOW
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THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

AN INTRIGUING APPROACH

8. ACTION REQUEST: RIVASSEAU FOUND THE U.S. APPROACH
INTRIGUING AND ASKED WHETHER THERE IS ANY EXISTING
PRECEDENT FOR USE OF A CHALLENGE TO CREDENTIALS TO
DELEGITIMIZE A GOVERNMENT. IF SO, THE GOF WOULD
APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON IT AND MIGHT BE PREPARED TO

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PROVED UNWORKABLE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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